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# *Celilo Village*

## Redevelopment Newsletter

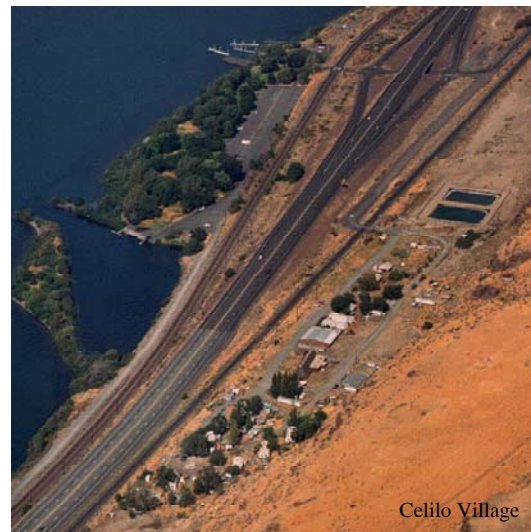
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### Redevelopment history \_\_\_\_\_

For millennia, the Celilo area has served as a trade center, sacred fishing ground and gathering place for the Northwest Indian tribes. Celilo Village currently supports 13 dwellings and about 50 people, but inadequate sanitary and water systems have caused public health and safety problems that concern federal, tribal, state and local health officials. To resolve these problems, the tribes formally requested the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to rebuild the village under the Columbia River Treaty Fishing Access Sites Project. Celilo Village Redevelopment was authorized by Pres. George W. Bush on March 2, 2004, as part of Public Law 108-204, and provides for the reconstruction of the village and associated structures and systems, repairs to the longhouse, and operation and maintenance of the rebuilt village.

The Corps continues to work with the tribes, agencies, residents and other stakeholders to make redevelopment a reality. The Corps is scheduling and facilitating monthly meetings with the reconstituted Wyam Board.



### Longhouse renovation \_\_\_\_\_

On March 7, the Longhouse structure was disassembled and removed, following a series of ceremonies performed by residents and tribal members. Completion of the new Longhouse kitchen is currently scheduled for April 25. The contractor has notched the poles provided by the Warm Springs Tribe, in anticipation of their use in the construction of the Longhouse. All design and cost issues have been resolved between the Corps and the contractor, and work on the Longhouse is scheduled to be substantially complete on May 31. Final completion of the Longhouse reconstruction, including cleanup of the project site, is scheduled to be completed by June 15.

The pictures on page 2 capture earlier progress on Longhouse construction.



Notched poles for Longhouse construction



Construction continuing on east kitchen entrance



View of Longhouse kitchen interior



View of Longhouse kitchen facing south



George Miller (Corps project manager) discusses Longhouse kitchen plans with Delilah Heemsah (Wyam Board Member & Celilo resident)



Warm Springs Tribal Chairman Ron Suppah (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) surveys the construction site with (from left to right) Louis Pitt Jr, Warm Springs Governmental Affairs, Reuben Henry, Wyam Board member, and Paul Young, the Warm Springs BIA Superintendent

# Celilo Village Redevelopment Documentary\_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Dan Miller, a professor at the University of Oregon, has approached the Corps about producing and filming a documentary on the redevelopment of Celilo Village. The documentary would present an excellent opportunity to inform a larger audience about the project, and would examine the history of Celilo and possibilities for the future. No Celilo Village Redevelopment project funds would be used for producing the film. At their February meeting, the Wyam Board supported having Mr. Miller attend a future meeting to discuss his intent and ideas with the board.

# Community Code and Guidebook Development\_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Roger Wagoner of *Berryman & Henigar* is completing work on the draft version of the community code and guidebook in April. The community code and guidebook will be presented for review and comment at the May Wyam Board meeting.

# Upcoming activities\_\_\_\_\_

- **Thursday, April 14.** The next scheduled Wyam Board meeting will be held in the boardroom at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon from 10 a.m. to noon. The meeting is open to the public and will provide an update on the status of the longhouse construction and cover other topics related to Celilo Village redevelopment.

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